

I-821A TPS-Filing Instructions

Filing Instructions for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Applicants from Honduras, Nicaragua or Kosovo Province:

For nationals of other designated TPS countries, file your application in accordance with the instructions contained in Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status.

How do I register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS)?

Nationals of Nicaragua, Honduras, or Kosovo Province (or eligible aliens who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Nicaragua, Honduras, or Kosovo Province) must submit a Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, and a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization. Also submit two (2) photographs, (1 ½" x 1 ½"), and supporting evidence of nationality and United States residency as of the date specified in the applicable Federal Register notice.

You must complete and submit a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, even if you already have or do not require employment authorization. Do not submit a completed FD-258 fingerprint card with your application. After the INS receives your application, if you are 14 years of age or older, you will receive a notice of an appointment to appear for fingerprinting.

Where should I register for TPS?

Nationals of Honduras, Nicaragua, or Kosovo Province, should file applications with the INS Service Center having jurisdiction over the state in which they live.

If you live in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, or in the U.S. Virgin Islands, mail your application to:

Vermont Service Center
ATTN: TPS
75 Lower Welden Street
St. Albans, VT 05479

If you live in Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii or Nevada, mail your application to:

California Service Center
ATTN: TPS
24000 Avila Road, 2nd Floor
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-8111

If you live in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, or Texas, mail your application to:

Texas Service Center
P.O. Box 850997
Mesquite, TX 75185-0997

If you live elsewhere in the United States, please mail your application to:

Nebraska Service Center
P.O. Box 87821
Lincoln, NE 68501-7821

When should I file?

Applicants for TPS under the Honduras, Nicaragua, or Kosovo Province TPS designations, must file during the registration period that is specified in the applicable Federal Register notice.

INS must receive applications from TPS applicants under the Honduras and Nicaragua designation by August 20, 1999.
INS must receive applications from TPS applicants under the Kosovo redesignation by June 8, 2000.

If approved, how long will my temporary protected status last?

If granted, TPS status will last until July 5, 2000, for nationals of Honduras or Nicaragua.

If granted, TPS status will last until December 8, 2000 for nationals of Kosovo Province.

How much will my application cost?

Please file your TPS application with the following fees:

I-821 Application for Temporary Protected Status	\$ 50.00*
I-765 Application for Employment Authorization	\$100.00
Fingerprinting Fee	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$175.00**

* If you are re-registering under the Kosovo extension, you **do not** need to pay the \$50 fee for the Form I-821. If you are registering under the Kosovo redesignation, you **do** need to pay the \$50 fee for Form I-821.

** If you already have or do not require employment authorization, you are exempt from the employment authorization fee of \$100, but must still submit a completed I-765 Application for Employment Authorization. You may request a fee waiver by completing and submitting an appropriately documented fee waiver request and requisite affidavit in accordance with 8 CFR 244.20.

How can I get information on my case?

For information before you file, please call 1-888-557-5398 (this is a toll free call) or go to the INS website at <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov>.

After you submit your registration package, you will receive a receipt from the Service Center. If you have questions, please contact the Service Center at the phone number listed on your receipt.

What is the penalty for making false statements on my TPS or Employment Authorization application?

When you sign the applications, you sign under penalty of perjury. Your signature is evidence that you are aware of the contents of the application and that all statements on the application are true and correct. If you knowingly provide false information on your application, you may be subject to criminal or civil penalties, including fines or imprisonment, under 18 USC 1546.

What do I do if I move or my address changes?

You are required to notify the INS within 10 days of your change of address. To change your address, fill out Form AR-11 and send it to the Service Center with jurisdiction over your application, as required by 8 CFR 265.1.

For Further Information: See *Federal Register* 64 FR 524 (Honduras), 64 FR 526 (Nicaragua), and 64 FR 30542 (Kosovo Province) for more information regarding Temporary Protected Status. See 8 CFR 103.7(b) and 63 FR 43604 for information regarding application fees. See 63 FR 12979 for information regarding fingerprinting procedures and fees. See 18 USC 1546 for information on penalties or false statements. See 8 CFR 265.1 for information regarding applicant notification requirements related to change of address.